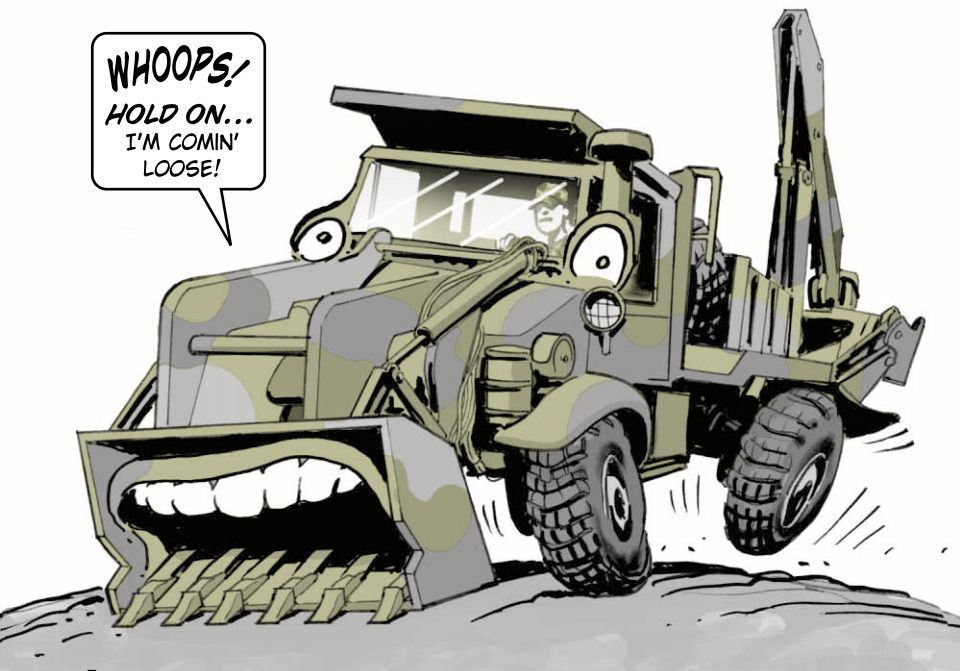


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WHEEL MARKS SAVE DOWNTIME



It's the domino effect.

One loose nut on an excavator's wheel can loosen the other nuts. Then the wheel begins to wobble, wallowing out the stud holes and ruining the wheel. Enough of that and the wheel can break off.

So eyeball the nuts for tightness weekly. Look for two things: shiny spots on the nut's washer and corrosion around the nuts. Have your mechanic tighten any loose nuts to 255-265 lb-ft.

Once they're torqued, make your mark so you can quickly check the nuts for movement. For instance, use a white marker pen or torque seal, NSN 8030-00-408-1137, and mark a line across the bolt end and nut.

A mark that later doesn't line up means the nut has moved.

